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1. THE CHILEAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT WILL ISSUE A DECREE IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHICH WILL REMOVE THE CARABINEROS (UNIFORMED NATIONAL POLICE) FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND PLACE THEM UNDER THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, IN ADDITION. AS PART OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION NOW UNDER PREPARATION, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE WILL BE UNIFORMED AND WILL ROTATE AMONG THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND CARABINEROS, IN THAT ORDER.

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2. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE ARMY DESIRES THIS CHANGE; HOWEVER, A LARGE NUMBER OF CARABINEROS, AT LEAST 50 PERCENT, ARE AGAINST BEING PLACED UNDER THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, THEY BELIEVE THAT THEIR PRIMARY FUNCTION IS THAT OF POLICEMEN AND, AS SUCH, THEY SHOULD REMAIN UNDER THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, WHILE IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE CHANGE WILL CAUSE ANY IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS, CARABINERO OFFICERS INTEND TO BE WATCHFUL FOR ANY EFFECTS WHICH THE CHANGE WILL HAVE ON THE CARABINERO'S ORGANIZATION, FINANCING AND SUPPLIES.)

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